AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of persons had died due to heat stroke in different parts of the country, during May and June this year;

(b) if so, what is the number of deaths due to heat stroke which took place in each state during the said period;

(c) whether Government propose to consider such deaths as natural calamity and to provide any help to next of the kin; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Reports of heatwave deaths have not been received from any State/Union Territory except Uttar Pradesh where 165 persons in 11 districts are reported to have lost their lives during May-June, 1988.

(c) It is pimarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. Annual margin money (shared on 50:50 basis between Central and State Government) is available with all the States to enable them to take emergent relief measures. The Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing Central assistance for relief measures in case specific request seeking Central assistance is made. No State Government sought central assistance exclusively for deaths due to heat stroke.

(d) Does not arise.

Fraud in the Construction of Terminal Building at Mangalore Airport

2717. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that when the new terminal building at Mangalore Airport was constructed there was a big fraud of steel and cement had come to light there;

(b) whether this matter was hushed up;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to this fraud the terminal building was not constructed properly, and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas Under Special Dispensation of the Commissioner

2718. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have again decided recently to grant admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas under special dispensation of the Commissioner; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) On the grounds of broad social considerations and to accommodate cases requiring compassion, the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been empowered to grant admissions under special dispensation.

Demands of FICCI for Promotion of Tourism

2719. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to discussion paper of the recently concluded workshop of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

(FICCI), it has been demanded from Government that the Tourism industry be assigned the status of export oriented industry and also the gradual privatisation of the industry;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the other demands of FICCI for the promotion of tourism and hotel industry and to what extent these demands would be met by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No such suggestion has been received by the Department of Tourism in the recent past. However, there is a suggestion that for a coordinated approach for the development of tourism industry in the country, it would be appropriate to bring tourism under the concurrent list of the Constitution of India. Besides, tourism being the largest net earner of foreign exchange with potential for substantial growth, it should be given the status of export-oriented industry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Arrangements of Aeroplanes for P.M. and President's Foreign Visits by Air India

2720. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 42 Air India flights were cancelled/rescheduled during June-July, 1988; if so, what are the reasons therefor, in each case, separately;

(b) whether the aircraft from Air India fleet were required for the foreign tours of VVIPs.;

(c) if so, what is the number of flights cancelled/rescheduled as a result thereof, the number of passengers affected and the loss suffered by Air India on account of renovation of the needed aircrafts, cancellation of tickets, expenses to accommodate the passengers booked for the delayed flights in hotels, etc. and whether passengers were intimated in advance;

(d) whether these losses are fully compensated by Government and whether Air India has made a demand for compensation from Government; if so, what is the amount thereof and by when it is likely to be received;

(e) whether Air India propose to meet the cost of telephonic calls made by the affected passengers to their overseas destinations; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take to ensure formal passenger traffic during such periods?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) During June and July, 1988, 3½ flights and 10½ flights of Air India respectively were cancelled on account of the overseas tour of the Prime Minister. 10-1/2 flights were cancelled in July on account of the overseas tour of the President of India. Aircraft were provided by Air-India.

In addition to the above, 15 flights were rescheduled during July, 1988. The number of passengers affected were approx. 2473 in June, 1988 and 10897 in July, 1988. All affected passengers were intimated in advance. The net loss to Air India on acocunt of the cancellation of flights, which will be included in the charter price, would be Rs. 2174 lakhs for June, 1988 and 109.93 lakhs in July, 1988.